Department, Delhi Police have conducted four raids in the brothels in the Union Territory of Delhi since January, 2002 and have rescued 35 girls. This is a continuing activity of the State Police Departments.

(b) As per the information received from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Delhi, the number of children rescued from trafficking, during the last three years is as under:

1999	1103
2000	1021
2001	1174

The above figures include 67 Nepali girls, one of which is of Indian origin.

(c) As reported by the National Crimes Record Bureau, the number of cases registered in the country under the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, during the last three years, is as under:

1999	9363
2000	8248
2001	6945

The number of cases which ended in conviction is not available with Bureau.

Budgetary allocation for education

2871. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of total budgetary allocation *vis-a-vis* GDP, earmarked for education;

(b) whether it is a fact that education for all the children is co-related with poverty alleviation;

(c) whether Government would make suitable amendments in the Constitution to empower Panchayats and Municipalities to open and run schools for children of all ages; and

(d) if so, whether Government would also provide suitable financial assistance to run the schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The estimated percentage of allocation for education to GDP for the year 2000-01 is 4.11.

(b) Yes, Sir. Education is acknowledged the world over to be an instrument for empowerment and poverty alleviation.

(c) and (d) Pursuant to the 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Constitution, States are expected to devolve adequate powers, responsibilities and finances upon Panchayati Raj Institutions and other local bodies to enable them to prepare plans and implement schemes for socio-economic development including education.

Facilities for physically handicapped persons at examination centres

†2872. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate facilities for physically handicapped persons/students are not provided at the examination centres of Central Board of Secondary Education;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that organisers at these centres do not provide any extra time to handicapped students; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.